




# Clinical Anaesthesiology

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# General Anaesthesia



## Classification of General Anaesthesia Methods

Inhalation anaesthesia  
Intravenous anaesthesia  
Intramuscularly  
Rectally  
Orally  
Balanced anaesthesia



## Clinical Pharmacology Inhalational anaesthetic agents

■ Agent	MAC%	Vapor Pressure	Blood/Gas Partition
■ Nitrous oxide	105	-	0.47
■ Halothane	0.74	243	2.4
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## Clinical Pharmacology

### Intravenous anaesthetic agents

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■ Ketamine	2





## Clinical Pharmacology

Drugs used to supplement anaesthesia

### Analgesics

#### Opioid agonists

- Natural opium alkaloids: Morphine, Codeine
- Semisynthetic opium alkaloid: Diamorphine
- Synthetic opioids: Pethidine, Fentanyl, Alfentanil, Sufentanil, Remifentanil

#### Partial opioid agonists

- Buprenorphine



## Clinical Pharmacology


Drugs used to supplement anaesthesia

#### Opioid agonist/antagonists

- Pentazocine

#### Opioid antagonists

- Naloxone




## Clinical Pharmacology

### Muscle Relaxants

Neuromuscular blocking agents are divided into two classes:

- Depolarizing
- Nondepolarizing



## Clinical Pharmacology

### Muscle Relaxants

■ Depolarizing	■ Nondepolarizing
■ Short-acting	■ Long-acting
Succinylcholine	Tubocurarine
Decamethonium	Metocurine
	doxacurium
	Pancuronium
	Pipecurium
	■ Intermediate-acting
	Atracurium
	Vecuronium
	■ Short-acting
	Mivacurium

## Clinical Pharmacology

Drugs affecting the autonomic nervous system

### Sympathomimetic drugs

- Adrenaline (low-  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ ) (higher-  $\beta$ )
- Isoprenaline (  $\alpha_2, \beta$ )
- Noradrenaline (  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ )
- Phenylephrine (  $\alpha_1$ )
- Dopamine (low-  $\alpha_1$ , moderate-  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta$ , moderate-high-  $\beta_1$ )
- Dobutamine (  $\beta_1$ )

## The practical conduct of anaesthesia

- Preparation for anaesthesia
- Equipment for monitoring
- The anaesthetic machine
- Equipment required for tracheal intubation

# Anaesthetic apparatus

## The anaesthesia machine

- Gas inlets & pressure regulators
- Oxygen pressure failure devices & oxygen flush valves
- Flow control valves
- Flowmeters & spirometers
- Vaporizers
- Ventilators & disconnect alarms
- Waste gas scavengers
- Humidifiers & nebulizers
- Oxygen analyzers







## Airway management equipment

- Oral & Nasal airway
- Mask
- Endotracheal tube
- Rigid laryngoscopes
- Flexible fiberoptic laryngoscopes



## Equipment required for tracheal intubation

- Correct size of laryngoscope and spare
- Tracheal tube of correct size + an alternative smaller size
- Tracheal tube connector
- Wire stylette
- Gum elastic bougies
- Magill forceps
- Cuff-inflating syringe
- Artery forceps
- Securing tape or bandage
- Catheter mount
- Local anaesthetic spray
- Cocaine spray/gel for nasal intubation
- Tracheal tube lubricant
- Throat packs
- Anaesthetic breathing system and face masks- tested with oxygen to ensure no leaks present



## Induction of Anaesthesia

- Inhalational induction
- Intravenous induction



## Inhalational induction agents

- Sevoflurane
- Desflurane



## Induction of anaesthesia

### Indications for inhalational induction

- Young children
- Upper airway obstruction
- Low airway obstruction with foreign body
- Bronchopleural fistula or empyema
- No accessible veins

# Induction of anaesthesia

## Difficulties and complications

- Slow induction of anaesthesia
- Problems particularly during stage 2
- Airway obstruction, bronchospasm
- Laryngeal spasm, hiccups
- Environmental pollution





## Intravenous induction

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## Intravenous induction

### Complications and difficulties

- Regurgitation and vomiting
- Intra-arterial injection of thiopentone
- Perivenous injection
- Cardiovascular depression
- Respiratory depression Histamine release
- Porphyria
- Other complications

## Maintenance of anaesthesia

Inhalation anaesthesia with spontaneous ventilation

- Conduct
- Minimum alveolar concentration (MAC): MAC is the minimum alveolar concentration of an inhaled anaesthetic agent, which prevents reflex movement in response to surgical incision in 50 % of subjects.

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## Signs of anaesthesia

- **Stage 1 (Stage of analgesia):** From start of induction of anaesthesia to loss of consciousness.
- **Stage 2 (Stage of excitement):** From loss of consciousness to beginning of regular respiration.
- **Stage 3 (Surgical anaesthesia):** From the beginning of regular respiration to respiratory arrest.



## Signs of anaesthesia

- The stage 3 is divided into four planes.
  - Plane 1:** From the onset of regular breathing to the cessation of eyeball movements.
  - Plane 2:** From the cessation of eyeball movements to the beginning of intercostal paralysis.
  - Plane 3:** From the beginning of intercostal paralysis to the completion of intercostal paralysis.
  - Plane 4:** From completion of intercostal paralysis to diaphragmatic paralysis.



## Signs of anaesthesia

- Stage 4: Stage of impending respiratory and circulatory failure (Medullary paralysis), from the onset of diaphragmatic paralysis to cardiac arrest.



## Inhalation anaesthesia with spontaneous ventilation

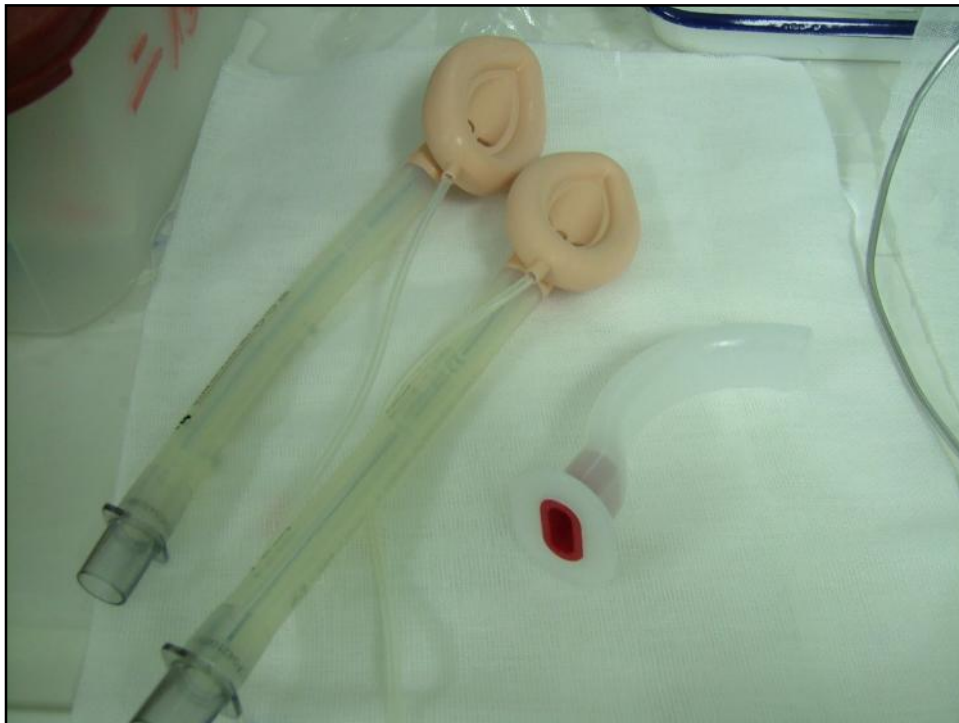
### Complications and difficulties

- Airway obstruction
- Laryngeal spasm
- Bronchospasm
- Malignant hyperthermia
- Raised intracranial pressure (ICP)
- Atmospheric pollution



## Delivery of inhalational agents- airway maintenance

- Use of the facemask
- Use of the laryngeal mask airway (LMA)
- Use of the oropharyngeal airway
- Tracheal intubation





## Use of the laryngeal mask airway (LMA)      Indications

- Provide a clear airway without the need for the anaesthetist's hands to support a mask.
- Avoid the use of tracheal intubation during spontaneous ventilation.
- In a case of difficult intubation to facilitate subsequent insertion of a tracheal tube either via the LMA or after use of a gum elastic bougie.



## Use of the laryngeal mask airway (LMA)      Contraindications

- A patient with a “full stomach” or with any condition leading to delayed gastric emptying,
- A patient in whom regurgitation of gastric contents into the esophagus is possible,
- Where surgical access is impeded by the cuff of the LMA.

## Tracheal intubation

### Indications

- Provision of a clear airway,
- An 'unusual' position,
- Operations on the head and neck,
- Protection of the respiratory tract,
- During anaesthesia using IPPV and muscle relaxants
- To facilitate suction of the respiratory tract
- During thoracic operations













## Tracheal intubation Contraindications

Few



## Anaesthesia for tracheal intubation

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- Inhalational technique for intubation
- Relaxant anaesthesia for intubation



## Anaesthesia for tracheal intubation

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- Oral-tracheal intubation
- Nasotracheal intubation
- Flexible fiberoptic nasotracheal intubation





## Complications of intubation

### During laryngoscopy and intubation

- Malpositioning
  - Easophageal intubation
  - Endobronctrial intubation
  - Laryngeal position
- Airway trauma
- Tooth damage
- Lip, tongue or mucosal laceration
- Sore throat
- Dislocated mandible



## Complications of intubation

### During laryngoscopy and intubation

- Retropharyngeal dissection
- Physiologic reflexes
  - Hypertension,
  - Tachycardia
  - Intracranial hypertention
  - Intraocular hypertension
- Laryngospasm
- Tube malfunction
- Cuff perforation

## Complications of intubation

### While the tube is in place

- Malposition
- Unintentional extubation
- Endobrochial intubation
- Laryngeal cuff position
- Airway trauma
- Mucosal inflammation and ulceration
- Excoriation of nose
- Tube malfunction
- Ignition
- Obstruction

## Complications of intubation

### Following extubation

- A) Airway trauma
- Edema and stenosis (glottic, subglottic, or tracheal )
- Hoarseness (vocal cord granuloma or paralysis )
- Laryngeal malfunction and aspiration
- B) Physiologic reflexes  
Laryngospasm



## Relaxant anaesthesia

### Indications for relaxant anaesthesia

- Major abdominal, intraperitoneal, thoracic, intracranial operations
- Prolonged operations in which spontaneous ventilation would lead to respiratory depression
- Operations in a position in which ventilation is impaired mechanically



## Clinical Pharmacology

### Muscle Relaxants

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|                 | doxacurium            |
|                 | Pancuronium           |
|                 | Pipcurium             |
|                 | ■ Intermediate-acting |
|                 | Atracurium            |
|                 | Vecuronium            |
|                 | ■ Short-acting        |
|                 | Mivacurium            |



## Reversal of relaxation

Residual neuromuscular block is antagonized with neostigmine 2.5-5mg (0.05-0.08mg·kg<sup>-1</sup> in children). Atropine 1.2mg or glycopyrronium 0.5mg counteracts the muscarinic side effects of the anticholinesterase and may be given before, or with, neostigmine.



## Conduct of extubation

- Coughing
- Resistance to the presence of the tracheal tube



## Complications of tracheal extubation

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- Laryngeal spasm
- Regurgitation



## Emergence and recovery

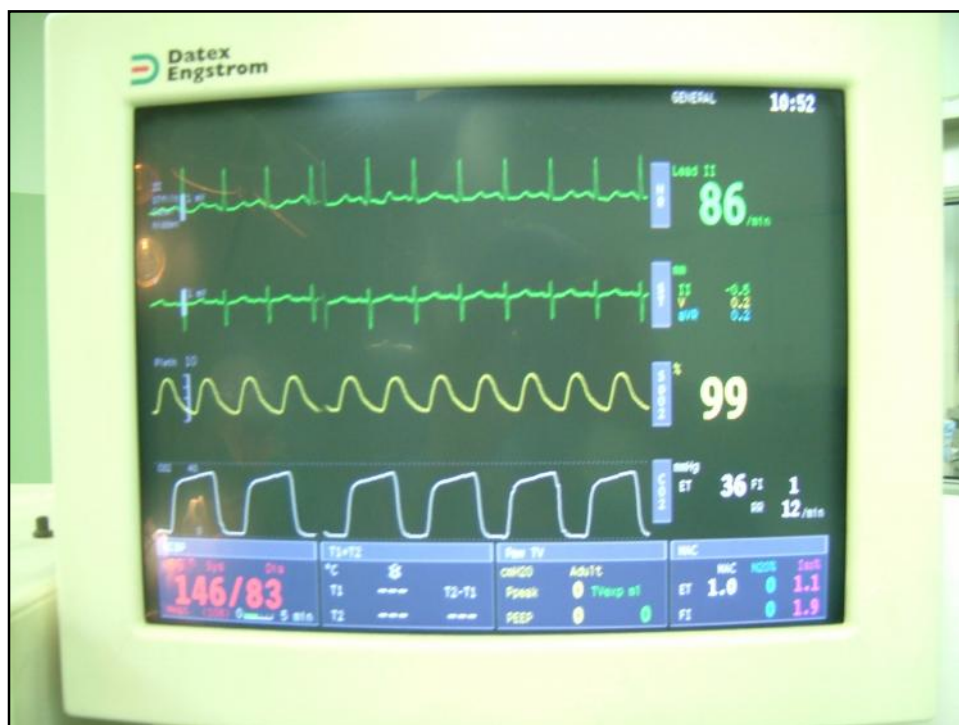
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- Testing hand grip
- tongue protrusion
- Lifting the head from the pillow in response to command

## Monitoring during anaesthesia

### Cardiac monitors

- Arterial blood pressure
  - Noninvasive arterial blood pressure
  - Invasive arterial blood pressure monitoring
- Electrocardiography
- Central venous catheterization
- Pulmonary artery catheterization
- Cardiac output






## Noninvasive arterial blood pressure monitoring Technique

- Palpation
- Doppler probe
- Auscultation
- Oscillometry
- Plethysmography
- Arterial Tonometry



## Selection of artery for cannulation

- Radial artery
- Brachial artery
- Ulnar artery
- femoral artery
- Dorsalis pedis
- Posterior tibial artery
- Axillary artery



## Invasive arterial blood pressure monitoring

### Complications

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| ■ Hematoma                               | ■ Skin necrosis overlying the catheter        |
| ■ Vasospasm                              | ■ Nerve damage                                |
| ■ Arterial thrombosis                    | ■ Infection                                   |
| ■ Embolization of air bubbles or thrombi | ■ Unintentional intra-arterial drug injection |





## Monitoring during anaesthesia

### Respiratory system monitoring

- Precordial & esophageal stethoscope
- Breathing circuit pressure & exhaled tidal volume
- Pulse oximetry
- End-tidal carbon dioxide analysis
- Transcutaneous oxygen & carbon dioxide monitors
- Anaesthetic gas analysis



## Monitoring during anaesthesia

### Neurologic system monitors

- Electroencephalography
- Evoked potential



## Monitoring during anaesthesia

### Miscellaneous monitors

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- Temperature
- Urine output
- Peripheral nerve stimulation




## Complications during anaesthesia

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### Arrhythmias

- Bradycardia
- Tachycardia
- Atrial arrhythmias
- Ventricular arrhythmias  
(Premature ventricular  
contractions (PVCs))
- Heart block



## Complications during anaesthesia


### Hypotension

- Decreased cardiac output:
- Decreased venous return
- Myocardial
- Vasodilation
- Drugs
- Septicaemia
- Hypovolaemia
- Haemorrhage



## Complications during anaesthesia

- Hypertension
- Hypervolaemia
- Myocardial ischaemia
- Cardiac arrest
- Embolism
- Hypoxaemia



## Complications during anaesthesia

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- Hypercapnia
- Hypocapnia
- Respiratory obstruction
- Intubation problems Aspiration of gastric contents
- Hiccups
- Adverse drug effects



## Complications during anaesthesia

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- Malignant hyperthermia (MH)
- Hyperthermia
- Hypothermia
- Acute intermittent porphyria(AIP)
- Awareness
- Injury



## Questions

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- What is the meaning of MAC?
- What are the Guedel's classic signs of anaesthesia?
- How many methods for the anaesthetists use to maintain the airway? What are they?



## Questions

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- What are the indications for tracheal intubation?
- What are the complications during general anaesthesia?



Any Question?

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THANK YOU !